

Samuel Gardner – Biographical information contributed by Richard Walton



The photo shows Samuel GARDNER along with Agnes BARKAM nee SILVESTER and a younger Winifred WALTON. They were cousins.

Samuel was born in Southampton in 1867/8 the younger son of George GARDNER a cabinet maker and his wife Margaret.

In 1884 he joined the Kings Royal Rifle Corps and served in Burma and India where he was awarded the India General Service medal with the Lushai bar.

On the 22nd April 1894 he married Amy Morris ALLEN in St Nicholas church, Plumstead.

He left the Army in 1896 and then worked in the General Post Office for some years before being awarded the Imperial Service Medal in 1927...his citation, which appeared in the London Gazette of the 9th December 1927 reads "Gardner, Samuel, Head Porter, London Postal Service". I assume he then retired to Ryde

The 1911 census indicates that he and his wife were childless.

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